(c) and (d) Government appointed an Expert Committee in 1987 to recommend measures to bring about excellence in the postal service. The Committee has made a number of recommendations for increasing efficiency and decreasing the cost. The recommendations are in various stages of consideration and when implemented in full are likely to bring about efficiency both in terms of service and expenditure. The deficit of the postal service which was about Rs. 216 crores in 1986-87 was brought down to about Rs. 169 crores in 1988-89 through various measures taken to contain expenditure.

Obscene and objectionable scenes in the Films

1506. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken to ensure that obscene and objectionable scenes are not allowed in films;

(b) whether Government are aware that some TV advertisements are also border line cases touching on obscenty; and

(c) what steps are being taken to avoid such ads ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The Central Government have issued detailed guidelines under section 5B(2) of the Cinematograph Act to the Central Boar of Film Certification to ensure, *inter alia*, that obscene and objectionable scenes are not shown in films which are certified by them for public exhibition.

(b) and (c) Advertisements for telecast on Doordarshan are accepted only after ensuring their suitability for family viewing. Care is taken to see that advertisements do not offend sensibilities, decency and religious susceptibilities of the people and that they are in conformity with the Code of Advertising on Doordarshan. No. advertising is permitted which projects a derogatory image of women and it is ensured that the protrayal of the female is decent and artistic and within the well established norms of good taste and decency.

कश्मीर के नेताओं से बातचीत

1507. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले एक महीने के दौरान कश्मीर के किन-किन नेताओं तथा दलों के प्रतिनिधियों से भारतीय नेताओं तथा अधिकारियों की बातचीत हुई है ;

(ख) उनकी मुख्य मांगें क्या हैं और उन पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) क्या उन्हें निकट भविष्य में दिल्ली में आमंत्रित करके उनके साथ बातचीत करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) सरकार को किसी प्रकार के समझौता/बातचीत के बारे में जानकारी नहीं है और न ही निकट भविष्य के लिए इस प्रकार का कोई प्रस्ताव मंत्रालय के पास है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Interference by Iran in India's internal affairs

1508. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reports have appeared in newspapers